Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, It was a great day when Jay Duenwald was born in Bowdle, South Dakota, on February 26, 1937; and,

Whereas, Jay spent his boyhood learning the joys and challenges of farming in South Dakota. As a Jackrabbit, he honed his knowledge of agriculture at South Dakota State University where he earned his Bachelors Degree in 1962; and,

Whereas, Jay served his country honorably in the United States Army; and,

Whereas, Jay exercised characteristic charm and great wisdom in persuading the lovely Agnes Mack of Watertown to marry him; and,

Whereas, Jay and Agnes are very proud to have raised the children on their family farm near Hoven and continue to be proud parents and grandparents; and,

Whereas, Jay has for many years not only proudly served his family and community, but has been active in many organizations reflecting his deeply held values, including the American Legion, Farm Bureau, National Rifle Association and National Right to Life; and,

Whereas, In recent years, Jay has unselfishly served the community of Hoven by working in hospital administration; and,

Whereas, Jay was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives in 1996 and served admirably, including serving as Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources; and,

Whereas, Jay was elected to the South Dakota Senate in 2002 and has since honorably served on behalf of the people of District 23; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper for the Governor to recognize Jay at this special milestone of his life, as friends and colleagues celebrate his 70th birthday:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State